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E. Ø. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PREL, UN, JA, NZ, UK SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL - JAPANESE VIEWS

- I. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. JAPANESE MISSION HAS SENT US, NZ, UK AND FRENCH MISSION A "NON-PAPER" DETAILING JAPANESE CONCERNS RE

SUBJECT TRIBUNAL. COPY FAXED MATHESON (L1.

- 3. JAPANESE ARE CONCERNED: (A) AT USE OF SC TO ESTABLISH SUCH TRIBUNALS AND EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT IT NOT BECOME A HABIT SINCE THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER SITUATIONS IN THE WORLD TO WHICH IT COULD BE APLIED; (B) WHAT ABOUT "NULLA PDENA"? (C) ISN'T ARTICLE 5 "PLANNED, INSTIGATED, ORDERED, AIDED, AND ABETTED" TOO VAGUE? (D) SHOULDN'T RULES OF PROCEDURE BE SPECIFIED IN STATUTE? (E! IS ARTICLE 8 (2) GIVING COURT PRIMACY OVER ALL NATIONAL COURTS MORE THAN IS NECESSARY?
- 4. USUN LEGAL ADVISER SAID (A) WE WERE AWARE SOME STATES WERE CONCERNED THAT PRACTICE CDULD BE OVERDONE. WE DID NOT THINK JAPAN NEED BE CONCERNED AT EXCESSIVE PROLIFERATION; (B) ALL THE ACTS WERE CRIMES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND FOR THAT MATTER RWANDAN LAW AND WERE PUNISHABLE BY SEVERE PENALTIES SD SC WAS NOT MAKING NEW LAW; (C) ARTICLE 6 WAS BASED INTER ALIA ON POST WORLD WAR II PRECEDENTS; (D) STATUTE'S REFERENCE TO RULES OF YUGOSLAV COURT MADE RWANDAN STATUTE MORE DETAILED THAN THAT OF YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL ON THIS POINT; (E) WE BELIEVE ARTICLE 8 (2) IS A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE OF ANY SUCH TRIBUNAL.
- 5. NZ MISSION RESPONDED ALONG SIMILAR IF SLIGHTLY HARSHER LINES TO JAPANESE MISSION AND UKUN DOES NOT PLAN TO BOTHER RESPONDING SINCE WE AND NZ HAVE MADE THE POINTS THEY WOULD HAVE MADE. ALBRIGHT